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BY-LAWS

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

SECTION I

Name

The name of this Council shall be the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council. The Council membership and Chairperson shall be as enumerated in Section 49-6-30, S.C. Code of Laws (1976, as amended). Each member agency may designate an alternate who may vote only in the absence of the member.

SECTION II

Principal Office

The principal office of the Council shall be the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources at Rembert C. Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

SECTION III

Meetings

(a) Quorum. A majority of at least six (6) of the members of this Council, when present at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum, and in case there are less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

(b) Order of business. The order of business at all meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order and introduction
2. Review of minutes of previous meeting
3. Committee reports
4. Special items for discussion
5. Unfinished business
6. New business

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7. Adjournment

The order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern, when not in conflict with these by-laws.

(c) Council meetings may be called at any time by the Council Chairperson and must be called at any time by the Chairperson on the written request of a majority of the Council members. Five (5) day notice of any Council meeting must be provided to the Council members.

(d) All Council meetings shall be advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80, S.C. Code of Laws (1976, as amended).

SECTION IV

Officers

(a) Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be the chief officer of the Council.

He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and shall assign duties and tasks to the respective committees. He/she shall communicate to the Council such matters and make such suggestions as may in his/her opinion tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Council, and shall perform such other duties as necessarily incident to the office. He/she shall be a voting member of the Council.

(b) Secretary. The secretary shall be appointed by the Chairperson and shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of the Council's activities.

SECTION V

Committees

Committees may be established from time to time by a majority vote of the Council.

(a) Selection of Committees. The Chairperson of the Council shall appoint committee members. The appointments shall be effective immediately and committee members shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until successors are duly appointed. Vacancies that occur for whatever reason may be filled by the Chairperson of the Council for the unexpired term.

(b) Chairpersons. The Chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council. He/she shall be responsible for directing and coordinating the affairs of the committee.

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(c) Meetings. Committee meetings may be called at any time by the Committee Chairperson and must be called at any time by the Chairperson on the written request of a majority of the committee members. Five (5) day notice of any committee meeting must be given to the committee members.

SECTION VI

Voting

In all meetings of the Council as a whole and of the committees, questions shall be resolved by majority vote of those members present, except that approval of the Council's management plan and its amendments and priorities shall require a two-thirds vote of those members present. The vote on a particular matter shall be tabulated by a roll call upon a motion to that effect being seconded by one (1) member.

SECTION VIII

Mail Vote

When, in the judgment of the Council Chairperson, any questions, shall arise that should be put to a vote of the members, and when he/she deems it inexpedient to call a special meeting for that purpose, he/she may, unless otherwise required by these by-laws, submit the matter to the members in writing by mail (paper or electronic) for vote and decision, and the question thus presented shall be determined according to a majority of the votes received by mail (paper or electronic) within ten (10) days after such submission to the members, provided that, in each case, votes of at least six (6) of the members shall be received. Actions taken in this manner shall be ratified and included as a part of the minutes of the next regular meeting.

SECTION VIII

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by a two-third vote at any regular meeting of the Council.